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## Milwaukee Resident Sentenced to Twenty-Five Years' Imprisonment for Sex Trafficking of a Minor and to Five Years for Conspiring to Engage in Unlawful Sexual Activity

United States Attorney James L. Santelle announced that Todd Carter, a/k/a Anthony Carter, 40, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday in federal court to twenty-five years in prison for the crime of commercial sex trafficking of a child, and to five years in prison for conspiring to engage in sex trafficking of children. The sentences were ordered to be served concurrently. The sentencing judge, the Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., also sentenced Cater to spend ten years on supervised release upon release from prison. Carter also must register as a sex offender.

Carter was indicted on February 24, 2009, along with his son, Nicholas Harrison, then 19. Harrison, and later Carter, agreed to plead guilty to sex trafficking offenses. Harrison is scheduled to be sentenced on July 12, 2010.

According to information released in court, there were 9 victims, 6 of whom were minors. At sentencing, relatives of two of the trafficked victims described the devastating impact of these offenses on the victims' lives.

According to United States Attorney James L. Santelle "It is intolerable that young girls and women are being victimized and exploited. The prosecution of human trafficking is a top priority of the Department of Justice, and our office is committed to aggressively pursuing these cases."

The investigation was conducted by the Milwaukee Police Department and FBI, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph R. Wall and Melvin K. Washington.

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